



Newsletter

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio
Panui 01 • 28 January 2022

Coming Events

Term 1 2022

3 February to 14 April

Key dates for Term 1

Thu 3 Feb

Y7 Powhiri/Orientation Day &
Y11 & 12 Subject confirmation

Fri 4 Feb

Y7 Orientation continues & Y13
subject confirmation etc

Mon 7 Feb - (No school)
Waitangi Day observed

Tue 8 Feb

Whole school starts

Thurs 14 April

End of Term 1

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Powhiri for new principal



NEIGHBOURING SCHOOL PRINCIPALS: Amber-Lee Elliott (MMTB), Suzanne Downey (St Joseph's), Denise Marshall (Te Wharekura o Maniapoto), Rakesh, Raewyn Jackson (Pukenui), Pam Voyce (Aria), Sue Coyle (Piopio Primary)

LAST FRIDAY Piopio College officially welcomed our new Principal, Mr Rakesh Govind with a Pōwhiri at the College wharekura.

Mark Bidois and Abe Mita spoke on behalf of Piopio College and this was followed by a 'handover' of Rakesh by a delegation of his whanau and former colleagues.

Thank you to the community, staff, board members and whanau who contributed to making this ceremony special.



Rakesh's supporters

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Rakesh Govind
Principal



**Mr Govind
says ...**

A word from our Principal...

Nau mai, haere mai!

It is my pleasure to welcome all students and whānau to the start of the 2022 school year and trust that you have made the most of a wonderful summer.

As the new principal at Piopio College I have been officially welcomed into the school community with a special pōwhiri and have been heartened by the hospitality that has been extended to me.

My time in education has seen me with experience in a range of secondary schools such as Auckland Boys Grammar, Westlake Boys High, Botany Downs Secondary College and Papatoetoe High School. This also includes extensive experience in senior leadership roles as well as the last two years as a Senior Education Advisor with the Ministry of Education based in Auckland.

I have a passion for sport having played cricket and hockey at various levels and also in a coaching capacity for

a number of years. A keen golfer, with a questionable handicap I look forward to playing at the Piopio Aria Golf course soon.

Students will thrive when learning is authentic, relevant and challenges them to be the best that they can be. Creating an environment with high expectations and to support staff and whānau is an important responsibility and I will do my very best to achieve this goal.

Piopio College sits proudly in the Ngāti Maniapoto rohe and over the next few months, I look forward to engaging with the wider community to learn as much as I can about the aspirations you have for our young people.

“Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini”
My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective

Ngā mihi nui
Rakesh Govind

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Changes to students start dates

In reviewing the Covid Red Light requirements and in response to a number of parental concerns we have made some changes to our start of the year.

Thursday 3 February

We invite Year 7s and new enrolments to begin 2022. (8.45am - 3.05pm) This will be a day to experience a variety of subjects that can be seen as unique to secondary schooling and is replacing the Orientation Day that had to be cancelled in December 2021.

This day will begin with a Pōwhiri, where visitors meet on the footpath in the bus bay at 8.45am. To ensure we meet the Covid Red light requirements students and families need to wear a mask and physical distancing will be required. Adult vaccination passes will need to be available for scanning.

Students are required to start the school year in uniform, if there are any queries regarding this please contact the office.

Thursday 3 February

Year 11 & 12 students are invited in for subject confirmation between 10.30am - 2.00pm on this day.

Friday 4 February

Year 7s and Year 13s will be in school.

On this day we will continue to build on the orientation of our Year 7s with more focus on the structure of a timetable and getting to know their surroundings. The Year 13s on this day will focus on the concept of leadership, confirm courses of study, set goals and most importantly guide and support the Year 7s.

Tuesday 8 February

All year levels will be in school.

Buses will be running as normal from Thursday 3 February, please contact the office if you have any queries or alternatively you can view the bus route online

<https://school-transport.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/48b86d9df76846aba5a01d6349362dac>

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We are looking forward to having everyone back in school.

